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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

MEET THE CANDIDATES

RNA is holding its second evening of informal meetings with the Jersey City mayoral candidates and their Ward C and D council running mates on MONDAY, APRIL 10, STARTING AT 7:00 PM AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY. RNA has invited Tommy Smith, Richard Boggianno and Thomas Fricchione to come and speak to our neighborhood. Each mayoral candidate will have about forty-five minutes to present himself to our group with a speech and a question and answer period concerning citywide issues. During that same time, their Ward candidates will also be present to discuss the our area's local problems and issues.

At last month's February meeting, candidates Peter Murphy and Glen Cunningham spoke to our group along with their respective slates. It was a very informative evening because our neighborhood was able to meet the candidates face-to-face and exchange ideas and thoughts about the problems and the future of our city.

Because of the large number of people running in this election, RNA has decided to set-up a special third evening on MONDAY, APRIL 24TH, ALSO STARTING AT 7:00 PM, to meet the rest of the mayoral candidates and their running mates. On this evening, Anthony Cucci, Tom Hart, Gerald McCann and Bobby Jackson will speak to our group.

The meetings will be at RNA's usual location: the Harbor View Health Care Facility. These meetings are for the members of RNA and the local neighborhood only.

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL 10, MONDAY 7:00 PM
RICHARD BOGGIANNO
THOMAS FRICCHIONE
TOMMY SMITH

APRIL 24, MONDAY 7:00 PM
ANTHONY CUCCI
TOM HART
BOBBY JACKSON
GERALD McCANN

ELECTION DEBATES

RNA is helping to organize two important election events with the Coalition of Heights Neighborhood Associations and the Heights Interfaith Council The first is the MAYORAL DEBATE that is going to be held on SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1989, at P.S. 8 SCHOOL. The following candidates have been invited and have agreed to participate in the program: Michael Bell, Richard Boggiano, Anthony Cucci, Glenn Cunningham, Thomas Fricchione, Thomas Hart , Bobby Jackson, Gerald McCann, Peter Murphy and Thomas F.X. Smith. The debate will begin at 2:00 pm and last for three hours. All the public is invited.The moderator for this event will be the Rev. John R. Allen of the Heights Interfaith Council. The debate will take place in the auditorium in the school, which is located on Franklin and Sherman Avenues.

The second event is a COUNCIL DEBATE FOR THE WARD D CANDIDATES. This event is scheduled for the following SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1989 at the same location P.S. 8 SCHOOL. The following candidates are being invited: Rev. Robert Alemy, Lyn Brozozowski, Thomas DeGise, Louis Destefano, Howard Fink, George Juchnewich, Marie Murray, Arnold Torturelli, Daniel Waddleton, and Theresa Gullace Walker. (Another candidate,Wanda Santana, has been disqualified by the city clerk for insufficient petitions. If she can amend her petitions and be reinstated, she will be invited to participate.)This program will begin at 2:00 PM and will take place in the school auditorium. The Rev. John R. Allen will also moderate this forum.

The public is invited to these two events to hear and see the candidates discuss the City's problems and their possible solutions.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

There are over one hundred candidates running in this May 9th election for mayor and the council seats. It is imperative that we as the public, who will elect and consequently will be governed by these individuals, understand the policies and positions of these candidates. It is not enough that any one candidate is a nice person, or that a neighbor said to vote for this

person. Our City is in a crucial time, when we will either succeed in solving our problems or we will drown in them. The following is a series of questions which will allow the voter to begin the process of deciding which candidates are the best choice for our City's future. These questions are not a complete list, but just a jumping off point for the voters to reflect on our needs and the ability of these candidates to satisfy them.

A: GENERAL
1) What specific proposals do they have to CUT the fat from the current budget and lower the tax rate?
2) Why do they think they can solve the city's current problems better than any other candidate?
3) How do they intend to improve the city services, such as police protection, sanitation, public works?
4) What would they do to encourage public transportation, especially east to west and north and south?

B: TAX ABATEMENTS
5) Will they allow any tax abatements at all?
6) If so, will they limit them to manufacturing? To manufacturing and commercial projects? Urban enterprise zone projects?
7) What about tax abatements for low income housing? Moderate-income housing? Market-rate or luxury housing?
8) Will they tie abatements to special deals, such as developers making advance payments to the city or helping out on special projects like the Loew's Theater preservation?
9) Do they anticipate recommending any state abatement law changes?

C: PUBLIC SAFETY
10) Do they agree with the reforms of the current reorganization of the Police Department?
11) What else would they do to make the police department more effective?
12)What do they think about the city's youth curfew ? What would they do about strengthening it?
13) What would they do do discourage the use of the deadly drug crack, which has made the city's crime problem so much worse? What would they do to provide more positive alternatives for youngsters?
14) What would they do to help find places for institutions (drug treatment facilities, youth correctional facilities) that can take some of the city's lawbreakers off the streets, at a time when state and county jail space is so terribly scarce?

D: REVALUATION
15) Do they support the Coalition for Fair Taxation's court case against the City? If not, what would they do about the problems created from last year's revaluation.
16) What policies will they take toward improving the tax assessor's office.
17) Do they favor a new city-wide revaluation?
18) Do they favor an open policy for the budget process with citizen input?

E: EDUCATION
19) Do they support the State take-over of the Board of Education?
20) Do they think its right for the Board of Education to use public funds to fight the takeover?
21) How do they feel about an elected Board of Education as compared to our present appointed Board?

F: AIDS
22) What kind of measures do they think are necessary to prevent the spread of Aids (selling condoms in bars and motels, the idea of a free needle exchange for drug addicts) ?
23) What kind of educational programs do they support to prevent the spread of Aids among our young people?
24) What kind of policies do they support for the medical care and housing of the victims of Aids?

G: TOXIC WASTE AND DUMPING
25) What will they do about the chromium contamination in the city?
26) What changes would they make in the city's structure of penalties for illegal dumping and environmental contamination?

H: PRESERVATION
27) What is their position on the Historic Preservation ordinance that has been held up in the City Council?
28) What is their position on the preservation of the Loew's Theater?

I: PARKS AND RECREATION
29) Our municipal parks are a disgrace. What would they do to improve the maintenance, renovation and security of these open spaces?
30)What changes would they make to our recreational programs to provide our young people with healthy and positive alternatives?
31) Would they support the idea of concerts in the parks?
32) What would they do to reclaim these parks back from the bad elements and encourage the community to use it?

J: DEVELOPMENT
33) What do they think should happen to the public land in Reservoirs #2 and #3 (when the water holding tank is built and replaces the reservoir and the state then releases the land for use by the City) ?
34) How do they feel about developers who insist on disregarding and/or manipulating the municipal zoning laws?
35) How do they feel about encouraging rental units instead of condominiums? How would they do it?
36) Do they think there is a need to coordinate the waterfront development with the rest of the City, in terms of access, transportation, open space, height and zoning requirements? Do they think there is a need to coordinate the development of the waterfront with other municipalities, the county, and the state?

INFORMATION ON THE WARD D COUNCIL CANDIDATES

(Reprinted from the Jersey Journal)

1) **Rev. Robert Alemy**, 44 a one-time funeral director, is running on mayoral candidate Michael Bell's slate. The pastor of the Second Reformed Church on Summit Avenue has a long history of community involvement in both his native Little Falls and in Jersey City, including being a founder of the Hudson County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a volunteer firefighter, and scout leader distributing food to the elderly and needy, and working with the handicapped and disabled.

He has lived in the Heights for three years and says that the solution to the crime problem involves an increase in evening police patrols and in community involvement. As councilman, he would set up more block watch groups.

He would limit the sale of marking pens and spray paint to young graffiti "artists".

He is opposed to housing of any kind being constructed on the reservoir property and believes a municipal complex, including a civic center, police department, high school and City Hall, should be built there. Real Property Appraisers should redo the revaluation at their own expense. And he welcomes the state takeover of the school system, with a restructuring of the school board and a reevaluation of the school employees to eliminate patronage.

2) **Lynn Brzozowski**, 42, a lifelong Jersey City resident who lives on Terrace Avenue with her husband and two teenage children, is running on Cucci's slate. Brzozowski works as a community aide at Dickinson High School..

The solution to the crime problem, she says, is to get neighbors involved by working with block associations and PTAs. Teenagers who scrawl graffiti on property in the area or their parents should be forced to clean it off.

Two family houses, affordable to people living in Jersey City, should be constructed on the reservoir property, as well as a police and fire academy. The revaluation should be retained because "throwing the whole thing out costs the city too much" and would result in"another waste of all that money". A plan to help senior citizens affected by the revaluation should be adopted.

3) **Thomas DeGise**, 38, who's running with mayoral candidate Peter Murphy, is a social studies teacher at Synder High School and works part-time selling real estate in Jersey City. He's a lifelong Bowers Street resident and received his degree in political science from St. Peter's College. He is married and has two young children. He was a dean of students At Dickinson High School from 1981 to 1985, but was fired and sued the city as a victim of political patronage and won.

It comes as no surprise that DeGise favors the school takeover by the state. Minors should have to leave their names when buying a can of spray paint and should be held accountable along with their parents for damage.

He believes a park area on the reservoir property is unrealistic because present parks in the area aren't even maintained properly.After extensive traffic and infrastructure studies, one- and two-family homes should be built, as well as an additional school and a municipal building for the board of education. He strongly opposes luxury or low-income housing on that property.

4) **Louis DeStefano**, 30, a lifelong Heights resident with a political science degree with a political degree from Jersey City State College, is running on Richard Boggiano's slate. He is married and works as a technician in his family's television repair business in Downtown Jersey City.

All of Jersey City's problems are rooted in the tax issue and finances, he says. The Heights is in need of stronger block watch groups, but "people don't have time for that. They're too busy trying to maintain their homes, paying their bills and eating". The revaluation has to be thrown out, redone by another company, but paid for by RPA.

Property taxes are too heavily relied upon. An initiative referendum, which gives power to the people to alter current laws, must be passed in Jersey City. Development of the reservoirs should be avoided at all costs. The water should be kept in the reservoirs or else a forest area or botanical garden should be established.

Meter maids should take on the added responsibility of handing out summonses to people who throw garbage onto Central Avenue and to store owners who don't sweep. The state should take over the school system.

5) **Howard Fink**, a lifelong Heights resident who wouldn't disclose his age, is running with ex-Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith. He worked for many years with the city's Recreation Department (which was abolished in 1982 and changed to the Division of Leisure Activities). He is now a recreation leader there.

He believes an ordinance requiring store owners to sweep their property should be passed, and garbage should be put out right before pickup, not a day in advance, so it can't be thrown around. School children should be educated about litter and graffiti.

More programs for teenagers and children in the city should be developed to keep them out of trouble. The city should cooperate with the state on the school takeover, and the revaluation should be thrown out and redone. Development of the reservoir should be put on hold and closely examined, with thoughts of keeping it as open space or building a ball park.

6) **George Juchnewich**, 54, is a lifelong Jersey City resident with a degree in elementary education from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and a master's from Columbia University Teachers College who's running on Councilman Thomas Fricchione ticket. He has taught in the school system for 22 years. He has served as assistant principal at School 8 for the past 10 years and has been married for 29 years.

More police officers and more block watch groups are needed to curb the crime in the area, he says. Juchnewich has worked with UNICO senior housing.

An additional sweeper or two should be employed on Central Avenue and should be closely supervised. The avenue should be swept on Saturdays as well as Monday through Friday, and an ordinance requiring shop owners to sweep should be passed.

No highrises should be built on the reservoir property, and whatever is built should be done with the cooperation of the community.

The revaluation should be redone and the city should research hiring another company. The city should not devote any more money to fighting the state takeover of the schools.

7) **Marie Murray**, 57, has worked with Councilman Tom Hart for the past few years and is running on his ticket. She's a lifelong resident with nine children and 16 grandchildren who has been married for 38 years and has worked for New York Telephone.

The key to solving the crime problem in the Heights is increased community awareness and cooperation between residents and police through its Community Relations program, she maintains. Educating the city's youth is essential in ridding the area of graffiti.

The reservoir land is like a historic landmark and should be kept open. Anything that is built there should be done "in good taste" and be done in keeping with the R-2 zoning (low-rise housing).

Extra sweepers and vacuums which have already been acquired should be used this spring on Central Avenue and trash receptacles added. The reval shouldn't be completely thrown out, but every property should be revaluated. The state should offer the school system voluntary help and give the city advice on how to make the system work.

8) **Wanda Santana**, 23, has lived in the Heights all her life and is running on Bobby Jackson's ticket. She received her degree in social work from Rutgers University and works as a supervisor for a private social services agency counseling pregnant and parent teens.

Block watch association should be organized and curfews should be enforced for teenagers. Summer programs where children can help clean up the neighborhood should be developed.

The reservoirs should remain the way they are. If any development is done, two-family houses should be built. The reval should be reworked. The state should offer its help and funding to the school system, but a complete takeover may not be the answer.

9) **Arnold Torturelli**, 55, is a lifelong city resident who has lived in the Heights for 30 years. He's running independently. He has worked for ATT for the past 38 years supervising national and international sales forces. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University and has two grown children with his wife Martha.

He believes apathy has set in in the community and although he's never been involved politically, he feels the time has come. A new community spirit must be established. Teenagers who foul the city with graffiti should be taught that when they write on a wall or a car, their parents taxes and insurance rates go up.

The reservoirs should be developed if the majority of the community wants it. Everyone should participate in cleaning the streets. The reval should be researched and adjusted.

There should be some way to repair the school system ourselves without having the state take it away from us, he says.

10) **Daniel Waddleton**, 47, ran for councilman in the last election on Cucci's slate and lost by a narrow margin. This time around, he's running with McCann. Waddleton, one of nine children, grew up in the Holland Gardens housing project on 16th Street and won an athletic scholarship to St. John's University, where he received a degree in Social Studies. He is coordinator of the home instruction program for the Board of Education, lives in the Heights and has three children, 18, 20, and 21 years old.

He believes the crime problem is due to a communication gap between the police and the current councilman in the Heights. Gyms should be reopened and programs established to keep young people busy. The sidewalks, as well as the streets, should be swept. An ordinance should be passed by which graffiti vandals must pay for damages. And if the children can't pay, the parents must.

The reservoirs should be developed as the community likes. The reval must be addressed and he will discuss solutions with McCann. The state should take over the school system.

11) **Theresa Gullace Walker**, 35, has lived in the Heights all her life and is running on City Council President Glenn Cunningham's ticket. She received her degree in art from Jersey City State College, and attended Parsons School of Design and the New School in Manhattan. She is married and sells real estate in Jersey City.

The community must get involved in informing police of the problems in their neighborhoods. Graffiti vandals should be hit with a $1,000 fine. If they can't pay, they should be forced to clean up their work and other buildings.

The reservoir should be replaced with townhouses, not highrises, but am impact study on the effects on the community should be conducted before anything is built. The reval must be redone by another company and monitored. More trash receptacles should be added to Central Avenue, because the store owners are doing all they can.

The state should "help us to help ourselves" in the school system but shouldn't just take over.

DUES

RNA has started another calendar year and we ask that everyone pay their $3 dues. This money helps to defray the cost of mailing the newsletter. If you can't join us for our meetings, you may send your check, made out to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, N.J., 07307.

Under the Chair

Neighborhood Updates:

As we go to press this month, the anti-warehousing case against the owners of 234-236 Ogden Avenue has begun. On March 31, Judge Richard Nieto of the Municipal Housing Court began hearing testimony against Norman Wilson,the owner of the four lot property which has two two-family houses and a large garage located on it. Since buying the property in 1985, Wilson has done literally nothing with the property: there were never any people living in the houses, there was no renovation or rehabilitation of the structures,and until December, 1988 he never secured the property properly,so there were constant break-ins and vandalism of the structures. The property in its present state is a safety, health and fire hazard. He has, in effect, abandoned the property until he could persuade the neighborhood to support his plan to build a 30-40 unit condominium project on the site. (The present zoning, which is R-2 would allow only four two-family units or an eight-unit condominium on the four lot property) Nine neighbors, tenants and owners, appeared in the court to support the city on its case against Wilson. (Interesting foot note, Mr. Wilson and family are also in court for warehousing and a whole list of other housing violations for his other properties at 68-72 St. Pauls Avenue, 35-37 Concord Street, and 61 Concord Street.. While we were waiting for our case to be called on March 31st, Norman Wilson was arrested by a court officer for failing to appear in court to answer summonses for some of the above listed properties.) Our case continues on April 5th. The results will be published in the next newsletter.

As we begin the spring of 1989, our neighborhood is being assaulted by a rash of crime that is rocking us to our core. There has been an increase of auto break-ins. Graffiti has again dominated the pavilion in our Riverview Park. Drugs are again moving through our community like a silent menace. Garbage is being littered in front of properties. Dumping is occurring again on Mountain Road. **People , wake up! This is your neighborhood and your home. Take responsibility for your lives!** If you are responsible for any condition that is creating problems for our neighborhood, a word of caution: STOP immediately because RNA will notify the appropriate city agency to remedy the situation. If you are aware of any illegal activity, please contact the city to have it stopped. Do not be intimitated or afraid to act, it will only worsen the situation. If you are in need of help, please contact RNA for assistance.

The proposal for 296 Palisade Avenue (which would add three floors and four units to the present building) was to be heard and decided on March 2, 1989 before the Board of Adjustment. The neighborhood and members of RNA attended to give testimony against this project. The developer, Michael Morghese decided to postpone their hearing because there was not the full board of seven commissioners present to judge the merits of the proposal. The new date for this project will be Thursday, April 27th, at 7:00 PM in the Council chambers in City Hall, 280 Grove Street. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this project , please contact Hank Cesari or Gert Bodgan.

JERSEY CITY TO START ROAD REPAIR PROJECT

(Reprint from the Jersey Journal on 2/27/89 and written by Helene Stapinski)

The Jersey City Dept. of Engineering begins a series of road repair projects today with the 10 a.m. closing of New York Avenue from Ferry Street to the Hoboken border. The road will remain closed three months for cleanup and repair.

New York Avenue is a popular spot for illegal dumping, so the repairs are aimed at making it "an uninviting place for a midnight drop-off," said Michael Barnes, director of the city engineering dept.

Workers will begin the $225,000 project by clearing the roadway of all illegally dumped materials. Empty drums and other waste will be removed.

On Thursday morning, 10 bags of asbestos were found there by employees of the city Incinerator Authority.

The dept. will reconstruct drainage and sidewalks, build high curbs, guardrails and fences and install extra street lighting. The road will be narrowed to one lane in each direction.

The three month closing will be worth the inconvenience, Barnes said. "It's open right now," he said, "but it's an obstacle course."

Repairs are soon to begin on Mountain Road, a winding cobblestone back road that leads from Franklin Street in Jersey City to Hoboken. The road is blocked off because it is considered a hazard.

The work was planned after officials met with neighborhood groups to discuss whether to make the road a park or reconstruct it as a thoroughfare.

Barnes said the $300,000 needed for the repairs is already secured, but his dept hopes to find another $200,000 to do a better job. "To do it right, you need over a million dollars," Barnes said. "But we don't foresee ever getting that amount."

Once the $500,000 is secured, his dept. will design plans and present them to residents this summer. Construction will start either next fall or spring and take six months. Reconstruction includes paving over cobblestones to meet safety standards, but Barnes hopes to restore some of the upper section cobblestones.

CONRAD'S CORNER

Now that we're back to where our economy was in 1982, when pie in the sky development talk was going to lower our taxes, we're going to have to cut the cost of our city government in half, to about $18.00 on the tax rate, the same as Hoboken. It just has to be done since state and federal funding is drying up and will no longer become available.

Since developers with tax abatements are only paying taxes on thirty percent of their assessed valuation, the small home owner will still be paying one hundred per cent. We will have to cut down on the staffs in planning and other departments of the City to lower the tax rate. Most of these departments have been working almost exclusively for the benefit of the developers at the expense of the small home owner. The salaries for many people working in these departments were funded by state or federal funds which have now dried up.

With curtailment of development there will no longer be money for the much needed affordable housing from developers; but with a fifty percent cut in the tax rate all the poor home owners now losing their houses will again be able to afford to keep them and not add to the number of those who will be in desperate need of affordable housing. The money received is peanuts anyway compared to the benefits reaped by the developers. Don't forget, they make a one-time payment only to the affordable housing fund. With a lower tax rate it may become profitable again to rehabilitate our old housing stock. We may be able to abolish rent ceilings, which many large cities like Chicago and Detroit have done in order to stop condominium conversion. Lowering the tax rate also makes it possible to lower rents for more affordable housing.

We have excellent shops in our 440 Public Works Department for maintenance workers to rehabilitate the City. We no longer need armies of pin stripe staffs to fill out forms for federal and state funding. We'll just have to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and do this work with our own city workers.

Owners of condos and rental properties more than half a mile from Path Stations are finding it difficult to sell or rent their buildings because Transport of New Jersey plans to curtail bus service, in addition our school system, the worst in the State with less students than last year will cost another seven dollars more on the tax rate. $871.50 more on the $3,799.74 tax for a $124,500.00 assessed valuation of a two family heights residence or $4,671.24. A double whammy for a family sending their children to a private school for $3,000. each for a better education, a lot less than $7,000. it costs to send a child unable to read or write in the Jersey City School system, plagued with drugs. Will they be able to get a rebate in taxes for inferior services they don't need.

CLEAN UP THE MESS

(The following two letters were written by John Slote of Palisade Avenue. They are complaining about the litter situation on Palisade Avenue. Since they were written, the City inspectors have been there three (3) times and the Century 21 people are cleaning their sidewalk for the first time.)

Joseph Zazzarino
Sanitation Division

Dear Mr. Zazzarino,

Several months ago I talked to you on the phone about the building located on Palisade Avenue between Booraem Avenue and Ravine Avenue. The commercial occupant and owner of this building, Century 21, has consistently failed to keep its sidewalks free from litter and debris. On the Ravine Avenue side of the building garbage regularly piles up. At the corner of Booraem and Palisade, where the building's trash receptacle is located, as great deal of debris is on the ground. The trash bin is regularly left open.

After I spoke with you last time there was some improvement in the situation. Since then, conditions on this 300 block of Palisade are back to where they were. The home owners and tenants in our neighborhood try to keep our sidewalks clean. It is disturbing to us that Century 21, doing business in our midst, cannot seem to make the same effort. The building occupies an entire block and is next door to the grocery store that most people in our neighborhood use. This means that Century 21's neighbors have to walk past its open garbage receptacle and litter every day.

I have talked to the Century 21 representatives on the premises and cannot get them to act. I hope that your office will inspect the property in question--on a regular basis if necessary, issue summonses, and that we will see a permanent improvement there soon.

John Slote
March 1, 1989

Robert Sperte, President
Century 21 of the Northeast

Dear Mr. Sperte,

I got your name from a letter that is posted on the front door of the Century 21 office located at Palisade Avenue in Jersey City. This office and apartment building, located at approximately (the street number is not posted) 300 Palisade Avenue, has consistently failed to maintain its property. Several people in the neighborhood have talked to the Century 21 representatives on the premises about cleaning up their sidewalk and property, but they have not done so.

As you can imagine, such a situation reflects poorly on your company's image. I am writing--on behalf of the people in our neighborhood--in the hope that you will request this branch office to hire a regular clean-up person to maintain the property. I am not aware of any other building of this size that does not employ at least a part-time regular maintenance person.

This is a neighborhood in the process of improving itself. We recognize that your representatives are not responsible for creating the litter on their property.But we clean our sidewalks, and it is particularly grating on those of us who live here ands maintain our property that a real estate company, taking up an entire city block in our midst, would not show the concern for our neighborhood to maintain its own property. If you would inspect the property yourself, I think you would agree that it is a disgrace.

The people of this neighborhood hope that you help rectify this intolerable situation as soon as possible.

John Slote
March 1, 1989

March 13, 1989

To all Heights Associations,

As a candidate for Ward D council, I have been repeatedly told about the offensive nature of my orange day-glo campaign stickers. Apparently some of my workers have been zealously putting these stickers in areas where they do NOT BELONG! In as much, there are two solutions to this public horror; 1) to accompany each worker around the ward to document each and every recipient of a sticker, 2) to stop procurement of campaign stickers. I have chosen the latter. Not one cent more of my campaign fund will be issued to buy campaign stickers. I have instructed both my treasurer and campaign manager not to purchase any additional stickers. From this day on, March 13, 1989, there will not be any stickers put up by myself or any of my campaign workers.

I sincerely regret this unfortunate act and publicly apologize to all I may have offended. I urge all Ward D candidates to follow my lead and curtail the "campaign sticker bombardment". I personally intend to remove as many of these stickers as i possibly can before the May 9, 1989 election.

LOUIS DESTEFANO

F.A.C.T.
FAMILIES OF ADDICTED CHILDREN TODAY
477 CENTRAL AVENUE J.C., N.J. 07307
201-653-9432/ 4348974

In today's drug and alcohol "abuse" society, the pressures on children, at unbelievable young ages, by their peers to become users, is beyond the imagination of the average parent

It is a problem that invades a home and creates devastating situations for the members of the "users" family. The family is usually unable to cope with the problem and in most cases reach out for assistance from structured programs. Groping through the myriad of red tape can be a frustrating experience for the uninitiated.

There exists an outreach and awareness program that gives the family counseling and referrals. It is F.A.C.T. (Families Of addicted Children Today). The staff members all have had the experiences and heartaches families go through. They offer support and necessary information a family needs. At a time when guidance is a welcomed relief. When their reasoning and emotions can be clouded by worry and panic.

F.A.C.T. arranges for placement of the "user" in a rehabilitation facility. At the time it gives the family support and the counseling they need.

"After Care" is of primary importance to the family and the Recovering Person. This too is provided by F.A.C.T.

The people of Jersey City should be aware that help is just a phone call away.

F.A.C.T. has two Outreach Offices. One is at 477 Central Avenue. The other at the P.A.L. building at 163 Old Bergen Road.

Family Support meetings are held at

DAY: Monday
PLACE: 184-4th Street, J.C.
TIME: 7:30 PM

.....DAY: Tuesday
PLACE: Saint Aloysius Annex
(building next to grammar school
between Gautier and Kensington
Avenue on West Side Ave.)
TIME: 7:30 PM

DAY: Wednesday
PLACE: P.A.L. Building
163 Old Bergen Road
(corner of Pearsall Avenue)
TIME: 7:30 PM

DAY: Thursday
PLACE: F.A.C.T. Office
477 Central Avenue
(corner of Congress Street)
TIME: 7:30 PM

F.A.C.T. can be contacted at:
201-653-9432
201-434-8974
Their experienced Staff Members are there to help you with your problems.

HUDSON COUNTY NARCOTIC TASK FORCE NEEDS YOU!

YOU can make a difference in the war on drugs
YOU may have information that can help us
WE HAVE A HOT LINE:1-800-962-0056

WE HAVE A POST OFFICE BOX
P.O. BOX1877
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Your information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL It can be ANONYMOUS.

PAUL M. DE PASCALE
HUDSON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

MEASLES EMERGENCY !!!

The New Jersey State Department of Health has declared a Measles Emergency due to the growing number of cases within within our community.

Measles is highly contagious disease caused by a virus. Typical measles symptoms are COUGH and RUNNY NOSE, RED WATERY EYES, SWOLLEN GLANDS, FEVER, often accompanied by a RASH, WHITE SPOTS in the mouth that disappear when the rash starts, a RASH that develops into flat, pink blotches, starting on the face, and spreading to the chest, back, stomach, arms and legs.

CALL your doctor if you suspect your child has measles.
DO NOT send your child to school.
DO NOT allow other children to come in contact with your child until one week after the rash develops.

PROTECT YOUR CHILD: IMMUNIZE!!!

The immunization age for (MMR) measles-mumps-rubella vaccine has been lowered from 15 months to 12 months!! Contact your private physician or area clinics.
FREE MMR VACCINE at the following clinics:

JERSEY CITY RESIDENTS
Immunization Clinic, First Floor
201 Cornelison Avenue
(547-4577 or 547-6887)

Pre-school: Monday-Tuesday-Thursday: MORNINGS:
Registration: 8:30 AM-10:30 AM
School Aged: Wednesday and Friday: MORNINGS:
Registration: 8:30 AM-11:00AM
All Ages: Monday-Tuesday : AFTERNOONS:
Registration: 1:00PM-2:30PM

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
88 Clifton Place
(434-5801 or 915-2520)

All Ages: Monday thru Friday
8:30 AM-4:00PM

IMPORTANT! PLEASE BRING IMMUNIZATION RECORD WITH YOU.

L.P.N.s AND R.N.s
(Licensed Only)

Oxygen dependent patient with end-stage lung disease. 36 year old, needs private duty nursing in private home in Jersey City. $17. hour.

Call Dennis Costa. 433-4391.

ADVERTISING

We would like to solicit ads from businesses in our area to help with the mailing of our newsletter. Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter (circulation 500) please call 798-0493.

PUZZLE

(FIND OUR MAYORAL CANDIDATES IN THE PUZZLE BELOW. THEY MAY READ UP OR DOWN OR DIAGONAL.) THE HIDDEN NAMES ARE THE FOLLOWING: **BELL, BOGGIANO, CUCCI, CUNNINGHAM, ELECTION, FRICCHIONE, HART, JACKSON, MAY, MCCANN, MURPHY, NINTH, SMITH, VOTE.**

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FLEA MARKET

Our 5th Annual Flea Market will be held Saturday, June 10th in Riverview Park. Tables will be $10 for non-members and $7 for members. Call Gert Bogdan between 10 a.m.and 8 p.m. at 659-6575.

Once again we are asking for donations of saleable items for the RNA table which we will be collecting during the month of May. Please call 798-0493 or 963-0402. Anyone wishing to donate baked items please call Gert Bogdan at 659-6575 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

The Flea Market is a big operation and we really need YOUR help. If you can do any of the following, please call Kathy Brennan at 963-0402.

Clean up Park (morning of Flea Market)
Pick up tables for transfer to park
Set up tables
Price items for RNA tables
Price baked goods
Work at RNA table
Work at baked goods table
Work at Hot Dog Stand
Advertising : Vendors, Posters etc.
Break down tables
Return tables.

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

FIFTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve me a space:

Name:_____

Address_____

_____

Phone No._____

Price: RNA Members - $7.00 Non-members - $10.00

All money is due no later than June 1, 1989

By participating as a seller in the RNA Flea Market, I agree not to sell any food items, pornographic or obscene material or drug paraphernalia. If I violate this agreement, I will forfeit my right to participate and leave the flea market.

Signature _____

Send Money to Carin Lewis at 242 Rear Odgen Avenue, Jersey City, N.J. 07307

HEIGHTS INTERFAITH COUNCIL
&
COALITION OF HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Heights
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Council

Central Ave. Reformed
Church of the Ascension
Grace Lutheran
St. Anne's R.C.
St. John's Lutheran
St. Nicholas R.C.
St. Paul of the Cross R.C.
2nd. Reformed Church
Trinity United Methodist

Block Associations

Beach St.
Charter 77
Hutton St.
Milton Ave.
Nelson Ave.
Reservoir #2
Riverview
South St.
Webster Ave.
Western Slope Assoc.

MAYORAL FORUM

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 1989

SCHOOL NO. 8 (Auditorium)

FRANKLIN and SHERMAN AVENUES

BETWEEN 2 and 5 p.m.

MICHAEL BELL - RICHARD BOGGIANO - ANTHONY CUCCI - GLEN CUNNINGHAM -

THOMAS FRICCHIONE - THOMAS HART - BOBBY JACKSON - GERALD MC CANN -

PETER MURPHY - THOMAS F.X. SMITH

AN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE

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